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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments, filed 9/9/2009, have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objects are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

No prior art was found against the invention.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 and 8-10 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75, as disclosing elements that are not part of the invention. Formulae (I) and (III) show a repeat unit n . However, n is constrained to be 0, so the repeat unit shown in the formulae is not part of the invention. Accordingly, the formulae show extraneous elements to the invention. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1-2 and 10, the term "maleimide residue" renders the claim indefinite. It is unclear how far removed a "residue" can be from the parent compound without the residue being an entirely different compound altogether. Furthermore,

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because a "maleimide residue" is not necessarily a maleimide, the phrase "the maleimide nitrogen atom" lacks antecedent basis. A "maleimide nitrogen atom" is not previously recited in the claim and there is not necessarily a maleimide nitrogen atom in the maleimide residue.

Regarding claim 9, this claim is dependent from a cancelled claim. As claim 4 has been cancelled, it is unclear what "a compound as claimed in claim 4" refers to.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL DICKINSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3499. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on 571-272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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